

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for visualizing data, comprising:

receiving code representing content ~~to be presented to the user~~ prepared by an author, the ~~content~~ code comprising a plurality of hyperlinks ~~to other content~~ and at least one attribute associated with each of the hyperlinks;

receiving from a viewer of the content other than the author ~~a set of~~ at least one user preference for displaying the hyperlinks ~~responsive to the at least one attribute associated therewith;~~ and

displaying the content while hiding at least one, but not all, of the hyperlinks responsive to the at least one user preference and to the at least one attribute associated with the at least one of the hyperlinks.

2. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the at least one attribute comprises a verbosity characteristic, and wherein the at least one user preference specifies a desired level of verbosity, and wherein displaying the content comprises selecting the at least one of the

hyperlinks to hide responsive to a comparison of the verbosity characteristic thereof and the verbosity level.

3. (Original) A method according to claim 2, wherein the verbosity level comprises a verbosity threshold, and wherein selecting the at least one of the hyperlinks comprises hiding those hyperlinks whose verbosity characteristic is above the threshold.

4. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 2, wherein receiving the ~~set of~~ at least one user preference comprises servicing an interaction by the ~~user~~ viewer with an on-screen control for setting the verbosity level.

5. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 2, wherein the at least one attribute comprises a classification of the hyperlink into one of a plurality of predefined categories, and wherein receiving the ~~set of~~ at least one user preference comprises receiving the desired level of the verbosity by category.

6. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the at least one attribute comprises a classification of the hyperlink into one of a plurality of predefined categories, and wherein receiving the ~~set of~~ at least one user preference comprises receiving the at least one

user preference with regard to displaying each of the categories.

7. (Original) A method according to claim 6, wherein the hyperlinks comprises two or more hyperlinks in different ones of the categories associated with a single item in the content, and wherein displaying the content comprises determining which of the two or more hyperlinks to display responsive to the user preference.

8. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the content comprises markup language code.

9. (Original) A method according to claim 8, wherein the at least one attribute is determined by a style sheet associated with the content, and wherein displaying the content comprises formatting the content for display responsive to the style sheet.

10. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein receiving the ~~set of~~ at least one user preference comprises receiving an input of the preference while the content is being displayed, and wherein displaying the content comprises altering the content displayed based on the input of the preference.

11. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein displaying the content comprises using a Web browser program to generate the display, and wherein ~~setting~~ receiving the at least one user preference comprises positioning a cursor on a screen and moving the cursor so as to interact with a user interface displayed by the browser program.

12. (Original) A method according to claim 11, wherein the user interface comprises slider controls.

13. (Currently amended) Apparatus for visualizing data, comprising:

a computer which is arranged to receive code representing content prepared by an author for display on a monitor screen, the content comprising a plurality of hyperlinks ~~to other content~~ and at least one attribute associated with each of the hyperlinks, the computer being further arranged to receive from a viewer of the content other than the author ~~a set of~~ at least one user preference for displaying the hyperlinks ~~responsive to the at least one attribute associated therewith;~~ and

a display, coupled to be driven by the computer to display the content while at least one, but not all, of the hyperlinks is hidden responsive to the at least one user

preference and the at least one attribute associated with the at least one of the hyperlinks.

14. (Original) Apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the at least one attribute comprises a verbosity characteristic, and wherein the at least one user preference specifies a desired level of verbosity, and wherein the computer is arranged to select the at least one of the hyperlinks to hide responsive to a comparison of the verbosity characteristic of the hyperlink and the verbosity level.

15. (Original) Apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the verbosity level comprises a verbosity threshold, and wherein the computer is arranged to hide those hyperlinks whose verbosity characteristic is above the threshold.

16. (Currently amended) Apparatus according to claim 14, and comprising a user input device, which is coupled to the computer so as to enable the ~~user~~ viewer to set the verbosity level by interacting with controls shown on the display.

17. (Original) Apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the at least one attribute comprises a classification of the hyperlink into one of a plurality of predefined categories, and wherein the at least one user preference

comprises a specification of the desired level of verbosity by category.

18. (Original) Apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the at least one attribute comprises a classification of the hyperlink into one of a plurality of predefined categories, and wherein the at least one user preference comprises a respective preference with regard to each of the categories.

19. (Original) Apparatus according to claim 18 wherein the hyperlinks comprise two or more hyperlinks in different ones of the categories associated with a single item in the content, and wherein the computer is arranged to determine which of the two or more hyperlinks to display responsive to the user preference.

20. (Original) Apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the content comprises markup language code.

21. (Original) Apparatus according to claim 20, wherein the at least one attribute is determined by a style sheet associated with the content, and wherein the computer is arranged to format the content for display responsive to the style sheet.

22. (Original) Apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the computer is arranged to receive an input of the at

least one user preference while the content is being displayed, and to alter the content displayed based on the input of the preference.

23. (Currently amended) Apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the computer is arranged to use a Web browser program to generate the display, and comprising a user input device operable by the ~~user~~ viewer to position a cursor on the screen so as to interact with a user interface displayed within the browser software in order to set the at least one user preference.

24. (Original) Apparatus according to claim 23, wherein the user interface comprises slider controls.

25. (Currently amended) A computer software product for visualizing data, comprising a computer-readable medium in which program instructions are stored, which instructions, when read by a computer, cause the computer to receive code representing content prepared by an author to be presented to ~~the user~~ a viewer of the content other than the author, the content comprising a plurality of hyperlinks ~~to other content~~ and at least one attribute associated with each of the hyperlinks, and

which instructions further cause the computer to receive ~~a set of~~ at least one user preference for displaying the

hyperlinks ~~responsive to the at least one attribute associated therewith,~~ and

which instructions further cause the computer to display the content while hiding at least one, but not all, of the hyperlinks responsive to the at least one user preference and to the at least one attribute associated with the at least one of the hyperlinks.

26. (Original) A product according to claim 25, wherein the at least one attribute comprises a verbosity characteristic, and wherein the at least one user preference specifies a desired level of verbosity, and wherein the instructions cause the computer to select the at least one of the hyperlinks to hide responsive to a comparison of the verbosity characteristic thereof and the verbosity level.

27. (Original) A product according to claim 26, wherein the verbosity level comprises a verbosity threshold, and wherein the instructions cause the computer to hide those hyperlinks whose verbosity characteristic is above the threshold.

28. (Currently amended) A product according to claim 26, wherein ~~receiving the set of at least one user preference comprises~~ the instructions ~~causing~~ cause the



computer to interact with the user via an on-screen control for setting the verbosity level.

29. (Currently amended) A product according to claim 26, wherein the at least one attribute comprises a classification of the hyperlink into one of a plurality of predefined categories, and wherein ~~receiving the set of~~ at least one user preference comprises ~~receiving~~ a specification of the desired level of the verbosity by category.

30. (Original) A product according to claim 25, wherein the at least one attribute comprises a classification of the hyperlinks into one of a plurality of predefined categories, and wherein the at least one user preference comprises a respective preference with regard to each of the categories.

31. (Original) A product according to claim 30, wherein the hyperlinks comprise two or more hyperlinks in different ones of the categories associated with a single item in the content, and wherein the instructions cause the computer to determine which of the two or more hyperlinks to display responsive to the user preference.

32. (Original) A product according to claim 25, wherein the content comprises markup language code.

33. (Original) A product according to claim 32, wherein the at least one attribute is determined by a style sheet associated with the content, and wherein the instructions cause the computer to format the content for display responsive to the style sheet.

34. (Original) A product according to claim 25, wherein the instructions cause the computer to receive an input of the preference while content is being displayed, and to alter the content displayed based on the input of the preference.

35. (Currently amended) A product according to claim 25, wherein the product comprises a Web browser program, which causes the computer to generate the display, and wherein the instructions cause the computer to position a cursor on a screen and to move the cursor ~~so as to interact~~ in interaction with a user interface displayed by the browser program.

36. (Original) A product according to claim 35, wherein the user interface comprises slider controls.